

## GERMAN CRUISER SEIZED BY BRITISH

CONGRESS IN  
UPROAR OVER  
POLICY MOVE

Demands of Wilson in the  
Armed Ship Question  
Causes Upheaval.

## STIRRING TALKS MADE

Congressmen Rally to Sup-  
port of President and Bat-  
ter Down "Antis."

Washington, March 2.—The armed ship issue suddenly blazed up in the senate today with the most sensational debate of the session in which Senator Gore, democrat, and author of a resolution to warn Americans off belligerent vessels, repeated what he characterized as a report that President Wilson had told certain congress leaders that war between the United States and Germany "might not be ungrateful and might result in advancing civilization by bringing about the end of the European war by midsummer."

Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee twice emphatically denied that the president ever had expressed any such sentiment in his hearing, and Senator James, another administration leader, demanded to know why Senator Gore had not sought to confirm the report from the president himself.

Had Hoped Report Untrue.  
Senator Gore responded that he had hoped the report was untrue; that he had repeated it only as a report surrounded by circumstances which gave it credence in his opinion, but that he was glad he had denied it.

The storm broke in the senate when Senator Stone, announcing that he was not in accord with the president's demand for a defeat of the armed ship resolutions, proposed a means to let the Gore resolution come to a vote and Senator James announced that the administration forces had the votes to defeat it.

Senator Williams of Mississippi spoke in support of the president, as did Senator Lodge, the ranking republican of the foreign relations committee. The debate ended without action and the senate passed to other business with the prospect of taking up the Gore resolution tomorrow.

Meanwhile the situation in the house was unchanged, with the administration leaders apparently making no headway toward a vote there.

Stone's View of Situation.  
"I desire to state the international situation as I understand it," said Senator Stone.

"A sharp issue has been defined between Germany and Great Britain as to the status of armed merchantmen. Germany contends that armed merchant vessels are the equivalent of auxiliary war vessels and has announced her policy to be, that after March 1 armed merchantmen would be regarded as warships and subject to the rules of war.

"On the other hand Great Britain contends that under international law merchantmen have the right to be armed for defensive purposes and that armed merchantmen are entitled under the law to the same immunity as unarmed ships, without regard to cargo. She has announced her intention to carry out that policy.

"Now, where does the United States come in? In this way. If both persist in these courses, neither yielding to each other, nor to the importunities of neutral nations and if Germany attacks an armed merchantman and any American citizen is injured, the question is presented to this government what our attitude would be. If no American citizens were on board we would have no cause to interfere, unless we proceeded on the altruistic theory of obligations to humanity."

Should Wear Hearts on Sleeves.  
"This emergency is of high importance. The president, senators and representatives should speak with each other and with the country, free from political bias. We should wear

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FOOD SHORTAGE IS  
CAUSING STRIKES

Madrid, March 1. (Delayed).—Strikes and disturbances have occurred in most of the provinces of Spain as a result of the increased cost of food. A general strike was proclaimed in Valencia, where serious rioting took place, one person being killed and many injured. There is a general demand that the government take steps to lower the prices of food and to start public works, in order to provide labor for the unemployed and thereby avoid a serious crisis.

THE WAR  
TODAY

After a lull in infantry operations in the vicinity of Verdun since the early part of the week there has been a resumption of the German offensive in the Woivre region. A violent bombardment was followed by a spirited attack on the French at Fresnoes, 10 miles southeast of Verdun. Paris reports the driving out of the Germans from the few positions which they succeeded in penetrating in their assault.

The new attack gives color to what seems to be the prevailing military opinion in Paris that the German offensive at Verdun had merely halted.

From Dutch sources come reports that the German drive is to be resumed from the northeast, 90,000 men having been concentrated near Buzzy, behind Fort Vaux, which is said to have been destroyed by the German heavy mortars.

Estimates of the German losses in the offensive are running high in entente quarters, one from Paris placing them at between 125,000 and 180,000. All accounts from German sources, however, have declared that the casualties of the attacking armies were surprisingly small.

The German plan of campaign has been primarily based on the bombardment of sectors they desire to attain, according to unofficial information from Berlin and it is possible they are now bringing up their heavy guns to captured positions with the object of shelling points nearer Verdun.

To the east and southeast of Verdun fighting is still in progress but on a smaller scale than for several days.

The British front has been stretched between thirty and forty miles down to the region of Amiens, in order to release French troops for the defense of Verdun.

Progress of the new German submarine campaign, which was to have begun yesterday, has not yet been notably reflected in news dispatches recording the sinking of allied merchantmen. The loss of one vessel, the Russian steamer Alexander Mentzel of 2,838 tons, is reported from London today, 18 of her crew having been drowned.

A German seaplane dropped bombs on the southeast coast of England last night and killed one child. No serious property damage resulted.

Emperor William has left the Verdun front and returned to Germany, according to a Rotterdam dispatch.

On the Russian, Italian and Caucasian fronts no important changes have been reported.

President Wilson is determined to force a vote in congress on the resolutions warning Americans off armed ships of belligerent nations and refuses to continue negotiations with Germany until the attitude of congress is settled.

ITALY'S BOATS TO  
CONTINUE ARMED

Ambassador at Washington Is Told  
Guns Will Be Used Only for  
Defensive Purposes.

Rome, March 1 (delayed).—The Italian ambassador at Washington, Count Macchi, has been instructed to notify the American government that, notwithstanding the German and Austrian decrees regarding the sinking of armed merchantmen, Italian merchantmen will continue to carry armament. The ambassador also has been instructed to say that Italian merchantmen will use their artillery only for defensive purposes.

Boys Escape From New Jail.  
Grinnell, Ia., March 2.—Sheriff's officers today returned to jail two boys held here on a robbery charge who escaped last night from the new \$18,000 county jail at Montezuma. The boys made a key from a pocket comb and unlocked their cell door.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy and colder tonight with the lowest temperature about 5 to 10 degrees above zero. Friday generally fair.  
Temperature at 7 a. m. 17. Highest yesterday 28, lowest last night 17.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles per hour.  
Precipitation .69 inch.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 87, at 7 a. m. 90, at 1 p. m. today 70.  
Stage of water 9.9, a fall of .4 in last 24 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

TEUT RAIDER  
IS REPORTED  
AS CAPTURED

Famous German Auxiliary  
Cruiser Moewe Taken by  
British Warships.

## IS CAPTOR OF APPAM

Vessel Said to Be Caught  
Now Believed Same That  
Overpowered Liner.

Buenos Aires, March 2.—Press dispatches from Montevideo say that a steamer arriving from Europe intercepted near the coast of Brazil, a wireless message stating that British cruisers had captured the German auxiliary cruiser Moewe.

The Moewe, it is said, was taken by the British cruisers to the island of Trinidad.

The American steamer Santa Barbara has arrived at Montevideo, her captain making the announcement that a French cruiser which put out from Dakar, on the west coast of Africa, encountered a German raider, name not given, and opened fire on her. Under cover of darkness the German ship got away. She was, however, damaged on her upper works by the French fire. There is some doubt, however, as to the identity of the German vessel reported to have been captured. Another version of the account is that the vessel in question is the German cruiser Roon.

Has Gained Much Fame.  
The Moewe first came into prominence with the arrival at Hampton Roads several weeks ago of the British steamship Appam, in charge of a German prize crew. She brought word of a mysterious German commerce raider, the Moewe, which was roaming the seas and had captured and sunk seven British merchantmen and admiralty transports in addition to capturing the Appam.

Dispatches from the Canary islands late last month reported the arrival of the British steamer Westburn with a German prize crew on board, said to be from the Moewe. According to these reports the Moewe, continuing her activities after capture of the Appam, and the seven other British vessels, between Jan. 16 and Feb. 9 sank five British steamers off the coast of Brazil.

Sought By British.  
A vigorous search for the Moewe was begun by the British admiralty. The Moewe was reported to be a tramp steamer fitted with guns for preying on commerce of the entente allies.

The German cruiser Roon was said to have escorted the Moewe when the latter captured the Appam. A report that the Roon had been captured by the British cruiser Drake off Bermuda was published last month, but subsequently was denied.

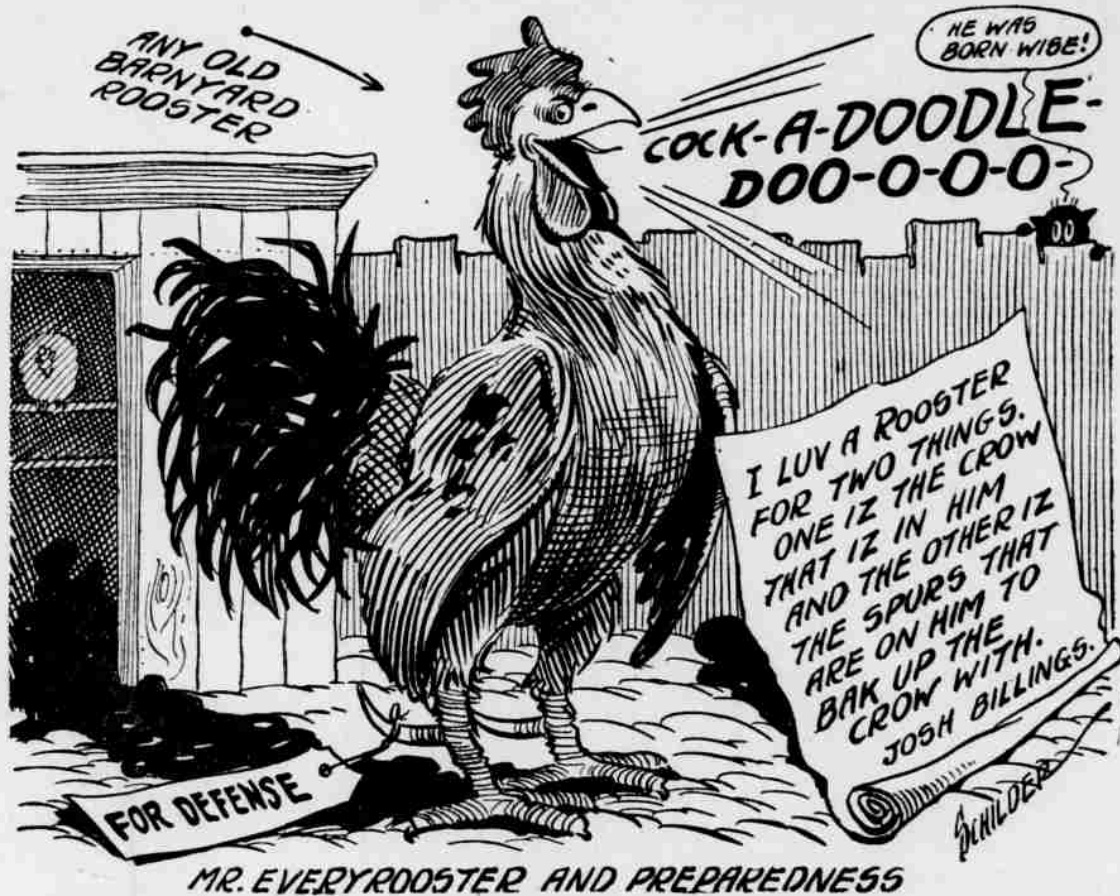
The island of Trinidad is one of the British West Indies, lying off the coast of Venezuela.

Admit Moewe Is Disguised.  
Amsterdam, (via London, March 2, 6:24 a. m.)—Captain Persius, naval expert of the Berliner Tageblatt, discussing in that newspaper the new German campaign against merchant shipping, makes the assertion that it will be carried out, not so much through the medium of submarines whose activities are hampered by diplomatic difficulties, as through disguised commerce raiders like the Moewe, which has already sunk a number of vessels of the allies and which sent the Appam to Newport News with a prize crew.

REFUSES USE OF HIS  
NAME IN ILLINOIS

New York, March 2.—Theodore Roosevelt's determination not to allow the use of his name as a candidate for the presidential nomination in the spring primary elections was emphasized today by the announcement that his secretary, John W. McGrath, has directed the withdrawal of Mr. Roosevelt's name from the Illinois primaries, Springfield, Ill., March 2.—Secretary of State Lewis G. Stevenson said today he had not received a reply to his letter to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in which he asked if it was the intention of the colonel to permit the use of his name as a presidential candidate in the spring primary. "I hardly expect a reply before tomorrow," said Mr. Stevenson.

Eighteen Vets Die In Month.  
Springfield, Ill., March 2.—Eighteen veterans of the Civil war died at the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' home at Quincy, Ill., during the month of February, according to a report made public here today.



MR. EVERYROOSTER AND PREPAREDNESS

IS CONFIDENT OF  
FRENCH FORCES

President of Chamber of Commerce of  
Verdun Feels Safe from Teu-  
tons' Attack.

Paris, Feb. 29. (Delayed).—M. Couten, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Verdun, who has arrived in Paris, says that when the civilian population was ordered to leave the city last Friday they were satisfied that the enemy's offensive was already checked.

"I had been able to see all the defensive precautions which were taken," added M. Couten, "and was aware of the strength of the forces accumulated in the Verdun sector and my confidence is consequently absolute in the complete early success of our arms. The importance of the German gain should not be exaggerated. I know all the points where the first phases of the battle occurred and can say that the exact advance of the Germans north of Verdun does not exceed four kilometers."

Other refugees who have been interviewed agree in stating that, despite the terrific noise of the artillery fire and the lurid illumination of the sky during Friday night and Saturday morning when they left, all were supremely confident in the superiority of their own army. They say that the only civilian left in Verdun on Saturday was an employee of the city hall. The last refugees were escorted by city firemen who, with admirable devotion, aided the tired mothers to carry their children. The only sign of worry or exasperation shown by the retreating residents of Verdun was when the customs employees inquired regarding the contents of their packages.

The refugees were greatly touched by the reception accorded to them or their arrival at the railroad station in Paris when a number of persons, including society women, offered to carry their baggage and help them to places of shelter. The general optimism was reflected by the remark of one young man, who, when asked about the occurrences in the fortress city, replied: "They have broken our windows but we shall return there soon with glaziers."

STARTERS OF ROUGH  
HOUSE ARE SOUGHT

Chicago, March 2.—Police are today seeking the causes and persons responsible for the outbreak which took place in a south side hall last night when a former Roman Catholic priest, Dr. Joseph Slattery of Boston, and his wife, an alleged former nun, attempted to speak on "Civic and Religious Liberty" at a meeting under the auspices of the Guardians of Liberty. No one was seriously hurt. Slattery and his wife were escorted from the hall by police.

Investigation also is being made of the attack by a number of rioters on the home of Rev. R. K. Ryan, who conducts Sunday services in the hall in which the trouble started, but who was said to be out of the city last night.

MILITARY STRENGTH  
OF ILLINOIS GREAT

Chicago, March 2.—Illinois has enough men available for military service to make up 35 army corps, according to figures announced today by Colonel Milton J. Foreman of the First Illinois cavalry. Colonel Foreman's figures indicated that there are 1,291,195 men between the ages of 18 and 45 in the state, an approximate average increase of 12,000 men annually since the compilation in 1910 of the last United States census.

Losses Show  
Activities of  
Sea Warfare

London, March 2.—The sinking of four more vessels was reported today. The crews of three British shacks landed at Lowestoft. Their vessels are said to have been sunk in the North sea.

The Italian ship Eliza also is reported to have been sunk.

The Russian steamship Alexander Wentzel has been sunk. Eighteen of the crew were drowned and 11 rescued. The Alexander Wentzel was reported in last available shipping records as having arrived at Cardiff on Jan. 23. The steamer was of 2,838 gross tons, was 320 feet long and 45 feet beam. She was built at West Hartlepool in 1899 and was owned by the Northern Steamship company of Petrograd.

Lloyd's agent at Blyth reports that the British steamship Thornaby was sunk by a mine on Monday last.

Stockholm, March 2.—It has been learned that the Swedish steamer Knippa was sunk about eight hundred yards inside the limit of Swedish waters.

On Feb. 29 it was announced that the Knippa, a vessel of 531 tons, had struck a mine and sunk south of Falsterbo, Sweden, and that the crew had been rescued. On the same day a dispatch from Copenhagen reported that, according to a local newspaper, a large German flotilla was engaged in laying mines south of Falsterbo.

IS LAST DAY FOR  
FILING PETITIONS

Candidates for Delegates and Alternates  
Must Place Papers Be-  
fore Midnight.

Springfield, Ill., March 2.—Under the provisions of the primary election law this is the last day petitions may be filed by candidates for national delegates and alternates, candidates for president under the preferential primary law and candidates for state committees of the various political parties. Secretary of State Stevenson announced that his office would be kept open until midnight in order to give wavering candidates all the time to which they are entitled.

ADOPTS SIX BOYS AS  
SOCIAL EXPERIMENT

Chicago, March 2.—Six homeless boys, less than 6 years of age and of different nationalities, are to be adopted by Mrs. Bessie Fuller, wife of a mining engineer, of South Brucine, Ontario, Canada, as a sociological experiment, she said.

Mrs. Fuller, who is visiting in Chicago, said that, having no children of her own, she plans to rear the six, regardless of color, race or creed, in the Canadian backwoods, her theory being that their association will be in the "melting pot" in which they will fuse.

New Sounders Being Tested.  
Springfield, Ill., March 2.—New telegraph sounders, invented by engineers of the Western Union Telegraph company are being tested out on the Washburn railroad at Illinoispolis and Edwardsville. No local batteries are required for the sounder, which is operated by the main line battery.

HERO OF MONITOR  
TO GET HIS WISH

Veteran of Little Craft That Sank  
Merrimac to Be Granted Favor  
Offered by Lincoln.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—President Lincoln's promise made more than a half century ago to John Driscoll of Hampton, Va., said to be the oldest living survivor of the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac during the Civil war, is about to be carried out by the navy department. After the naval engagement President Lincoln summoned the crew of the Monitor of which Driscoll was a member, to Washington. He thanked them for their valor and said if any of them ever wanted a favor it would only be necessary to ask it.

It was not until recently, however, that Driscoll decided to ask the favor. He requested to be taken aboard the battleship going through the Panama canal which, he said, he longed to see before he died. Arrangements for the trip have just been completed and the next warship that passes through the great waterway will carry the aged veteran as a passenger.

ACCIDENT FATAL TO  
WHOLESALE GROCER

St. Louis, Mo., March 2.—Daniel B. Fuller, president of the Hyck-Fuller-Pierson Wholesale Dry Goods company, died in a chair at his home here at 2 o'clock this morning. He had fallen and dislocated his shoulder Monday. The accident was followed by an attack of angina pectoris. Death was unexpected. Burial will be in St. Joseph, Mo., where for years he was engaged in business.

GRANT REHEARING  
OF RAILROAD CASE

Washington, March 2.—Rehearing of the proposal of eastern railroads to establish slightly increased rates on grain and grain products from points in the middle west and Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky to the Atlantic coast ports for export was granted today by the interstate commerce commission. The proposed increases were disapproved last December.

## Latest Bulletins

Douglas, Ariz., March 2.—Charles R. Ausburn, an American mining man, who was reported to have been executed by Villa soldiers more than two months ago at the Mulatos mine in southeastern Sonora, is alive, it was learned today.

London, March 2.—A dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that 20 persons have been killed and many injured by avalanches in the southern Tyrol.

London, March 2.—Major General George Frederick Gorringe is mentioned in a casualty list just made public here as having been wounded in the fighting in Mesopotamia.

El Paso, Tex., March 2.—General Argumedo, leader of the opposition to the de facto government in Durango and the Laguna districts, was executed after court martial at Durango City yesterday at noon, according to a dispatch received today from General Murguía, military commander of Durango state, by the Mexican consulate here.

BERLIN SAYS  
FOE SUFFERS  
IN COUNTERS

Tells of Great Sacrifice of  
Men in Futile Attempt  
to Regain Fort.

## FRENCH ARE SILENT

No Mention of Return At-  
tack Upon Verdun Out-  
post in Statement.

Berlin, March 2. (via London, 3:15 p. m.)—The official German statement of today says the French sacrificed men unsuccessfully in a counter attack on Fort Douaumont, one of the outlying defenses of Verdun, which was captured by the Germans.

The situation on the Franco-Belgium front, the communication says, is unchanged.

Paris, March 2. (2:41 p. m.)—The war office announcement of this afternoon says that there was intermittent bombardment of the Verdun and Woivre front during the night but that there were no developments of importance.

The text of the war office announcement reads: "In the Artois district to the east of the road running from Neuville to La Folle we caused the explosion of a mine located under an old crater which was occupied by the enemy. We took possession of the new crater."

"In the region of Verdun the enemy bombarded violently last night Le Morthonne (the dead man) at the Cote de L'Oie, between Malancourt and Forges as well as the principal crossing of the river Meuse. There was little activity on the part of the artillery to the east of the Meuse."

## Germans Driven Back.

"In the Woivre district, after an intense retaliatory fire from the artillery, the enemy yesterday evening delivered a spirited attack on our positions at Fresnoes. They were at once driven back by our counter attacks from the few positions which they had succeeded in penetrating.

"In the Lorraine district a bombardment of several hours duration against the Sainte Marie farm to the west of Besange was followed by an attack on the part of the enemy which resulted in complete failure."

BRANDEIS GIVEN  
ARDENT SUPPORT

Advocates of Nominee for Supreme  
Bench Now Having Their Inning  
Before Investigators.

Washington, March 2.—Advocates of the confirmation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis as a justice of the supreme court had an inning today before the senate committee investigating charges against Mr. Brandeis.

Edward F. McClennan, law partner of Mr. Brandeis, was ready to continue his cross explanation of the various incidents for which Mr. Brandeis has been criticized. Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland and president of the National Consumers' league, had petition for confirmation from a group of New York manufacturers, labor leaders, publicists and social workers.

Among the signers are Oscar Strauss, chairman of the New York public service commission; Hamilton Holt, editor of The Independent; John Mitchell, chairman of the New York state industrial commission; Charles F. McFarland, secretary of the federal council of churches of Christ in America; Henry R. Seager, president of the American Association for labor legislation; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, New York; Charles R. Crane, Chicago; Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary National Consumers' League.

Iowa Teachers in Session.  
Fort Dodge, Ia., March 2.—Six hundred teachers were in attendance when the annual convention of the Northwestern Iowa Teachers' association opened here today. The delegates spent the morning visiting Fort Dodge schools.

General sessions of the convention will begin tomorrow.